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Docket No. F-7086

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Reto SIEBER, et al.

Serial No. : 09/911,142

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For : ASSEMBLY ADHESIVE TAPE FOR THE IMPROVED
SEALING OF JOINTS AND A DISPENSER FOR THE
ASSEMBLY OF ADHESIVE TAPE

Group Art Unit : 1772

Examiner : Brian P. Egan

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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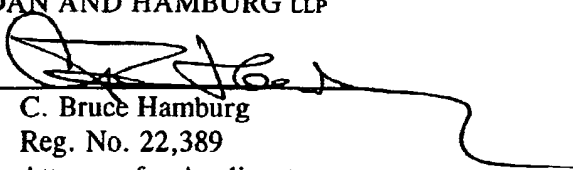
liner was against itself. A roll of Hibler's tape folded so that the backing was against itself, which the Examiner suggests would have been obvious in view of Tuoriniemi, would be inconvenient to use for its intended purpose, as it would then have to be unfolded 180°. Moreover, because Tuoriniemi does not disclose the use of a release liner nor is there any reason why one of ordinary skill in the art would wish to use a release liner in trying to implement Tuoriniemi's invention, it is immaterial that, in the abstract or in some other context, the Examiner may allege equivalence of a release liner and a release coating. One of ordinary skill in the art would not wish to complicate Tuoriniemi's invention by trying to replace the release coating with a release liner. It is respectfully submitted that, again, the Examiner is indulging in an attempt to reconstruct the invention with the benefit of hindsight, which is impermissible.

Applicant respectfully request a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Please charge the fee of \$980 for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 10-1250. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

Respectfully submitted,

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